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Q. This past June when she was in Newport Beach, Calif., Martha Mitchell said a security guard threw her on the bed and gave her an injection in her tanny to quiet her down. Was the security guard who did that Steve King, in charge of security for the Committee to Reelect the President?—S. Lane, Washington, D.C.

A. It was not Steve King who injected Mrs. Martha Mitchell in the upper extremity of her thigh. It is true that King accompanied the Mitchells to California as a bodyguard, but he was not involved in the needle caper as described by Mrs. Mitchell. King is now security director for the Committee for Reelection of the President, but he was not on June 17th. In June that position was occupied by James W. McCord Jr., who was arrested with four other persons for allegedly breaking into the Watergate complex in Washington, D.C., and attempting to bug Democratic National Headquarters in a plot financed in part by Republican campaign contributions.

If in fact Mrs. Mitchell was "needled" by anyone, and she has always been a scrupulously truthful woman, it is safe to assume that she was injected by a physician or nurse qualified to do so. Steve King says he is not.